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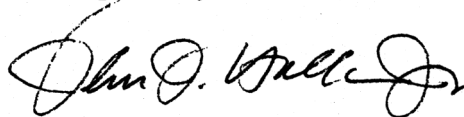
**Re:    *The European Community v. RJR Nabisco, Inc., et al.*  
      *Department of Amazonas, et al. v. Philip Morris Companies, Inc., et al.*  
      00-CV-06617 (NGG)**

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Dear Judge Garaufis:

Enclosed please find a courtesy copy of the Memorandum of Law of the Departments of the Republic of Colombia In Opposition To Defendants' Objections To The Ruling Of The Magistrate Judge Recommending Denial Of The Motion To Disqualify Counsel. The document was electronically served and filed today.

Respectfully submitted,



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